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Honors Convocation



April 11, 2018

Westbrook Auditorium—Presser Hall

11:00 a.m.

Victoria Noltkamper Folse, PhD, APN '86

*Director and Professor, School of Nursing
Caroline F. Rupert Endowed Chair of Nursing*

Recipient of The Kemp Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence — 2018



Victoria Noltkamper Folse '86, the Caroline F. Rupert Endowed Chair of Nursing, is the 2018 recipient of the Kemp Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence at Illinois Wesleyan University. Nominated by her peers and selected by the University's Promotion and Tenure Committee, Dr. Folse is the 45th winner of the University's top teaching award.

A 1986 graduate of Illinois Wesleyan, Dr. Folse was named director of the School of Nursing in 2009. She joined the faculty at IWU in 2002, the same year she earned a Ph.D. in nursing with a concentration in research from Saint Louis University. Prior to joining the faculty at IWU, Dr. Folse taught at Bradley University and provided 15 years of full-time eating disorder treatment, with 10 years of nursing management practice, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. She is also a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Adult Psychiatric Nursing, and is an Advanced Practice Nurse with prescriptive authority in the State of Illinois.

Dr. Folse has an extensive publication record, an ongoing program of research – including her students whenever possible – and she lectures nationally and internationally. She was named an American Association of Colleges of Nursing Leadership for Academic Nursing Program 2008 Fellow and received an Illinois Board of Higher Education Nurse Educator Fellowship in 2009. She was an American Association of Colleges of Nursing and Wharton Executive Leadership Fellow in 2016.

Through the years, the Teaching Excellence Award has undergone several name changes, but its purpose has always been to recognize and celebrate the vital role that teaching plays at Illinois Wesleyan. The award honors one faculty member who brings spirit, passion and scholarship to the art of teaching. The Kemp Family Foundation began funding the award in the 2009-2010 academic year. Today, we honor Victoria Folse.

*This program is dedicated to the Class of 2018
and
to students who have earned scholastic and activity honors.
Presiding—Alex Stogin '18, Class President*

Prelude	
Praeludium in G Major.....	Nicolaus Bruhns (1665–1697) Susan Klotzbach, Organist
Processional (<i>please stand</i>)	
Gaudeamus Igitur.....	traditional, 1788
Invocation (<i>remain standing</i>)	Cayley Rydzinski Multifaith Ambassador
Welcome	Alex Stogin '18 Class President
Recognition of Academic Honors	Ann Eckhardt President of Phi Kappa Phi and Assistant Professor of Nursing Mark Criley President of Phi Beta Kappa and Associate Professor of Philosophy
Tribute to Retiring Faculty	President Eric R. Jensen
Presentation of Speaker	President Jensen
Address	Victoria Noltkamper Folse, PhD, APN '86 Director and Professor, School of Nursing Caroline F. Rupert Endowed Chair of Nursing
“In Pursuit of Excellence: From Patient Centered to Student Centered”	
Presentation of The Kemp Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence — 2018	Chris Kemp Kemp Foundation
Presentation of Previous Honorees for Teaching Excellence	President Jensen
Announcement of 2019 Kemp Honoree for Teaching Excellence	Provost Brodl
Alma Wesleyana (<i>please stand and join in singing led by Sara Caligiuri '18</i>)	National Hymn George William Warren
From hearts aflame, our love we pledge to thee, Where'er we wander, over land or sea; Through time unending loyal we will be— True to our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.	When college days are fully past and gone, While life endures, from twilight dream till dawn, Grandly thy soul shall with us linger on— Star-crowned, our Alma Mater, Wesleyan! – Professor W. E. Schultz (1887–1964)
Closing.....	President Jensen
Recessional (<i>remain standing</i>)	
Symphonie V: Toccata	Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

PHI KAPPA PHI

1922

National scholastic honorary for students with junior and senior standing

Zoe Bouras
Maisy Bowden
Mary Breeden
Rachel Burkman
Suchana Chaulagain
Brandon Chopp
Keara Corbett
Nicole DeMatteo
Zhenghao Ding
Megan Donnelly
Victoria Drake
Nathaniel Edison
Emma Haan
Kathryn Halford
Shireen Hassan
Olivia Heffernan
Madissyn Horack
Fabian Jano
Paraskevi Kakares
Abigail Kauerauf
Brooke Koebele
Amanda Lack
Cadence Lamb
Meghan Linder
Lauren Neitzel
Margaret Patchett
Teagan Potter
Samuel Powers
Laryn Sapetti
Joshua Segatto
Jessica Sheetz
Zachary Silver
Ashley Sons
Brock Taylor
Yash Thacker
Kinsey VanDeVelde
Abby Winters
Patrick Zajac
Wenting Zhao

PHI BETA KAPPA

2000

Undergraduate honors society fostering and recognizing excellence in the liberal arts and sciences

Annika Anderson

Zoe Bouras
Maisy Bowden
Kevin Butler
Geoffroi Castro
Hsin-Jou Chang
Suchana Chaulagain
Megan Donnelly
Madeline Gibson
Maria Hanna
Olivia Heffernan
Ross Hettinger
Fabian Jano
Paxton Johnson
Brooke Koebele
Tanner Kuenneth
Meghan Linder
Shannon Maloney
Grace McGovern
Kathleen O'Shea
Mansi Patel
Binh Phan
Anna Poulton
Cayley Rydzinski
Ojaswee Shrestha
Zachary Silver
Amber Stringer
Jennifer Swanson
Brock Taylor
VishnuDivya Velupula
Niyant Vora
Rachel Westerkamp
Abby Winters
Jia Yang
Benjamin Zentner
Yuanziyi Zhang
Wenting Zhao
Megan Zsorey

PERFORMANCE AND EXHIBITION HONORS IN THE FINE ARTS

Music

Sara Caligiuri
Jacob Taitel

Theatre Arts

Jamie Krepplein

Dakota Kroes
Cadence Lamb
Hailey Lechelt
Hannah Sage
Jackie Salgado
Megan Sperger

AWARD RECIPIENTS

CREATIVE WRITING

**Arthur William Hinnners
and Louise Hinnners Siple
Poetry Prize presented by
The Academy of
American Poets**

Grace McGovern

Honorable Mention

Eva Kossman

**The Illinois Wesleyan
University Department
of English Prize for Short
Fiction**

Paraskevi Kakares

Honorable Mention

Abigail Kushina

**Kay Nelson Memorial
Essay Prize**

Kathryn Halford

Honorable Mention

Emily Salomon

ECONOMICS

**The Margaret Chapman
Memorial Award in
Economics**

Hsin-Jou Chang

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

**Outstanding Senior in
Environmental Studies**

Ojaswee Shrestha

**Excellence in Advancing
Environmental
Sustainability**

Jacob Morris

FRENCH AND ITALIAN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

**Outstanding Senior in
French and Francophone
Studies**

Maisy Bowden

**Outstanding Senior
in Italian Studies**

Sophia Sodolski

HISPANIC STUDIES

**Outstanding Senior in
Hispanic Studies**

Maria Hanna

LINCOLN LAUREATE AWARD

Brock Taylor

MUSIC

**David Nott Collegiate
Choir Scholarship**

Aaron Kahn

Minji Will

NURSING

**Frances D. Alikonis
Memorial Award**

Emily Lezcano

**Alumnae Association
of the Brokaw Hospital
School for Nurses
Scholarship**

Andrew Coop

Hermes Calvert

Cameron Hindel

**Finfgeld Family
Scholarship**

Melanie Pelczynski

**Patricia Giese Memorial
Scholarship**

Kinsey VanDeVelde

**Delores Helsley-Ascher
Scholarship**

Emily Lezcano
Elia Nava

**Mary D. Shanks
Scholarship Established
by Upsilon Pi Alumni
Chapter of Alpha Tau
Delta**

Kinsey VanDeVelde

**Sara M. Stevenson
Memorial Scholarship**

Rebecca Rochacz

**STUTZMAN PEACE
FELLOWS**

Josephina Blumberg
Aida Cheung
Adna Mujovic
Shaela Phillips
Maeve Plunkett
Megan Zsorey

**THE AMES LIBRARY
SCHOLARLY & ARTISTIC
RESEARCH AWARD**

Amy Clapp

**UNIVERSITY WRITING
PROGRAM**

Best Gateway Essay

Aaron Manuel

Runner-up Honors

Kalen Gray
Haley Steward

WEIR FELLOWS — ARC

Benjamin Nielsen

HONORARIES

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA

*International sociology honor
society*

Mary Amanda Breeden
Lisa Cheng
Jackson Garrett
Claire Quist

ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA

National first year honor society

Joseph Alberts
Nathaniel Ames
Annika Anderson
Carlos Aromin
Emma Asta
Brent Baughan
David Beard
Michael Bellino
Amanda Best
Emily Billington
Michael Billington
Stephen Billington
Shravya Bommaveddi
Zoe Bouras
Katherine Bowman
Linh Chi Bui
Alyssa Marie Canda
Geoffroi Castro
Guo Chen
Brandon Chopp
Sydney Cucerzan
Alexandra Daskalopoulos
Monica De Paz
Nathaniel Edison
Rebekah Ehresman
Morgan Flynn
Dominic Gambaiani
Madeline Gibson
Amelia Glueck
Amy Gordon
Kalen Gray
Christopher Guetthoff
Emma Haan
Samantha Hakeman
Maria Hanna
Sevin Headley
Allison Henry

Kelly Hoffmann
Madissyn Horack
Morgan Hussey
Ogechi Iheakam
Joshua Immke
Tulasi Jaladi
Benjamin Johnson
Ryan Kaplan
Abigail Kauerauf
Daniel Kelly
Grainne Kelly
Hamzah Khan
Jamie Kreppein
Taylor Krueger
Joshua Kuntz
Amanda Lack
Cadence Lamb
Tiffany Le
Mark Leshyk
Meghan Linder
Haoxing Lu
Trang Luu
Mark Macak
Rebecca Macijunas
Aaron Manuel
Yesenia Martinez Calderon
Katelyn Masson
Blake Maxwell
Maya McGowan
Breanna Metry
Nicholas Milcik
Kathryn Miller
Shelby Moore
Richard Morrison
Kiara Mosley
Candis Mueller
Monica Munoz
Lauren Neitzel
Esther Niedert
Rebekah Nulty
Kaitlyn O'Brien
Clare O'Donnell
Liam O'Donovan
Gabrielle Palfenier
Jihoon Park
Mansi Patel
Pooja Patil
Fallon Perl
Kaitlyn Petersen

Alyssa Pisano
Teagan Potter
Priya Prasad
Devon Robbins
Haley Rojek
Helena Rosse
Sydney Rowley
Kara Ryan
Sarah Schirmacher
Ashley Schneider
Rachel Schoenecker
David Shacklette
Robert Shafer
Zachary Silver
Cadence Smith
Adrienne Snider
Madison Steele
Emily Strub
Jennifer Swanson
Linnea Swanson
Brock Taylor
Katharine Teykl
Yash Thacker
Brock Thornton
Veronica Torres Luna
Jacquelyn Tran
Naing Tun
Laurel Turner
Morgan Van Kuiken
Kinsey VanDeVelde
VishnuDivya Velupula
Daniel Walski
Shiqi Wang
Michael Webb
Rachel Westerkamp
Angela Whiting
Jackson Wietecha
Cady Williamson
Abby Winters
Madeline Wolf
Wenxin Xu
Jia Yang
Lauren Yep
Samantha Yoest
Elizabeth Zabit
Patrick Zajac
Lauren Zannoni
Iris Zhang
Ke Zhang

Tianze Zhang
Yuanziyi Zhang
Megan Zsorey

ALPHA MU ALPHA

National marketing honorary

Alex Borodimos
Samantha Hakeman
Jordan Hassan
Casey Lebre
Cameron Loyet
Kiara Mosley
Samuel Powers
Jonathan Slupski
Jacob Stewart
Ruttanun Vilailuck
Emily Yerkes

BETA BETA BETA

National honorary for biology majors

Annika Anderson
Carlos Aromin
Kiersten Bergquist
Samantha Bidlack
Jamie Blumberg
Shravya Bommaveddi
Alexandra Brown
Ross Burandt
Caitlin Cadwalder
Suchana Chaulagain
Timur Guo Chen
Anaol Dalle
Madelyn Dulin
Spencer Eidsmoe
Addison Ely
Emily Erdmann
Andrea Flynn
Morgan Flynn
Max Garcia
Dilyetna Gebru
Madeline Gibson
Stephanie Giovanine
Samridh Gupta
Maria Hanna
Noah Haskin
Ocheanya Igomu
Lesly Ingram
Tulasi Jaladi

Fabian Jano
Nitsueh Kebere
Jessica Keen
Dean Khrisat
Brooke Koebele
Lexi Kremer
Zachary Kuenstle
Emily Landree
Zoephia Laughlin
Tiffany Le
Jae Won Lee
Mark Leshyk
Meghan Linder
Shenyu Lyu
Mark Macak
Keila Magafas
Caroline Marchi
Rachel Maurer
Jack McKermitt
Megan Mink
Richard Morrison
Victoria Nemchek
Rebekah Nulty
Grant Park
Mansi Patel
Ngan Pham
Alyssa Pisano
Nivedha Poondi
Anna Poulton
Priya Prasad
Jill Rajarathnam
Bailey Reichert
Kayleigh Ruffolo
Laryn Sapetti
Robert Shafer
Audrey Smith
Adrienne Snider
Ellen Stumph
Brock Taylor
Ian Taylor
Yash Thacker
Stephen Vega
VishnuDivya Velupula
Niyant Vora
Angela Whiting
Abby Winters
Ryan Yoo
Elise Ziegenhorn

DELTA PHI ALPHA

National German language and literature honor society

Amanda Best
Jamie Blumberg
Josephina Blumberg
Hristina Brkovic
Brandon Chopp
Cole Churchill
Thomas Hillebrand
Kejie Huang
Abigail Kauerauf
Katelyn Masson
Ruth Reding Hoffart
Kelly Riordan
Helena Rosse
Sophia Staerz
Niyant Vora
Rachel Westerkamp
Maria Wipfler

ETA SIGMA PHI

National honorary society for students of Latin and Greek

Brent Baughan
Katherine Bowman
Morgan Flynn
Madison Karabinus
Otilia Felecan
Cayley Rydzinski
David Shacklette

GAMMA UPSILON

National media honorary society

Geoffroi Castro
Adriana Erickson
Yemaya Jennings
Erich Lieser
Pooja Patil
Giovanni Solano
Arielle Van Deraa
Matthew Wegh
Rosa Zapata

W.E. Schultz Award for Excellence in Media Management
Janna Fitzgerald

Harvey Beutner Award for Journalistic Excellence
Erich Lieser

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Women's Studies honorary society

Ayrren Calhoun
Emily Leiner
Monica Mocogni
Claire Quist
Amanda Wesche

KAPPA DELTA PI

National honorary for junior and senior education majors

Madeline Bollinger
Christopher Cooper
Emma Dalton
Alyssa Dorning
Natalie Fletcher
Emma Lewis
Emma Hanzelin
Kathleen Holub
Emilee Monken
Alexis Obert
Stephanie Prentice
Dean Scopelliti
Sydney Seeman
Jessica Sheetz
Amber Stringer

LAMBDA ALPHA

National anthropology honor society

Chaepter Negro
Michelle Rekowski
Cayley Rydzinski

MORTAR BOARD

National honor society recognizing college seniors for their exemplary scholarship, leadership and service

Annika Anderson
Michael Bellino
Kiersten Berquist
Samantha Bidlack
Emily Billington
Michael Billington
Stephen Billington
Raymond Bolton

Zoe Bouras
 Ross Burandt
 Geoffroi Castro
 Nicole De Matteo
 Spencer Eidsmoe
 Andrea Flynn
 Megan Gordon
 Madissyn Horack
 Dean Khrisat
 Zachery Kinney
 Brooke Koebele
 Eva Kossmann
 Amanda Lack
 Michaela Lamczyk
 Tiffany Le
 Samuel Ledbetter
 Timothy Leiser
 Jiayi Li
 Ruihan Li
 Haoxing Lu
 Mark Macak
 Keila Magafas
 Michael Mannix
 Mia Massaro
 Breanna Metry
 Megan Mink
 Caroline Monsen
 Candis Mueller
 Kathleen O'Shea
 Teagan Potter
 Robert Shafer
 Adrienne Snider
 Ashley Sons
 Ruth Tadesse
 Brock Taylor
 Yash Thacker
 Veronica Torres Luna
 Kinsey VanDeVelde
 Niyant Vora
 Chaoqiuyu Wang
 Benjamin Whalen
 Brian Yager
 Benjamin Zentner

OMICRON DELTA EPSILON

*National scholastic honorary for
students of economics*

Raymond Bolton

Hsin-Jou Chang
 Christopher Collins
 Brandon Fricke
 Ryan Kaplan
 Songjian Li
 Xiou Liu
 Trang Luu
 Connor Melvin
 Kurt Meyer
 Caroline Monsen
 Colin Orchard
 Helena Rosse
 Katelyn Schwiderski
 Susan Tonin
 Candace Towery
 Zhengyan Wang
 Yangyuan Xu
 Samantha Yoest
 Ling Zheng
 Yanru Zhou

PHI ALPHA THETA

National history honor society

Brandon Chopp
 Luke Witteveen

PHI BETA DELTA

*Honor society for International
scholars*

Kiersten Bergquist
 Josephina Blumberg
 Zoe Bouras
 Siobhan Geraghty
 Abigail Kauerauf
 Ruihan Li
 Teagan Potter
 Madeline Wolf
 Tianze Zhang

PHI SIGMA TAU

*International honor society
for philosophers*

Kejie Huang
 David Shacklette

PI DELTA PHI

*National French language and
literature honor society*

Caitlin Cadwalder
 Ziyao Chen

Flora Curet
 Hannah Lyons
 Keila Magafas
 Marta Suarez Bravo
 Emily Yerkes
 Joseph Ziegel

PI KAPPA LAMBDA

National music honor society

Sara Caligiuri
 Kelsey Maka
 Blake Miller
 Dean Scopelliti
 Jacob Taitel

PI MU EPSILON

*National mathematics honor
society*

Son Cao
 Chudan Chen
 Liuting Chen
 Stephanie Day
 Zhenghao Ding
 Nathaniel Edison
 Jacob Houghton
 Candis Mueller
 Anna Poulton
 Jenny Swanson
 Susan Tonin
 Keren Yang
 Yuanziyi Zhang
 Wenting Zhao
 Yao Zhao

PI SIGMA ALPHA

*National honorary society for the
study of politics and government*

Zoe Bouras
 Geoffroi Castro
 Ann Crumbaugh
 Alexandra Daskalopoulos
 Pooja Patil
 Kayley Rettberg
 Halley Shanley
 Alex Stogin
 Alani Sweezy
 Veronica Torres Luna
 Taylor Williams
 Tianze Zhang
 Megan Zsorey

PSI CHI

*National honorary for psychology
students*

Kourtney Bautz
 Brynn Beveridge
 Maisy Bowden
 Paige Dold
 Megan Donnelly
 Emma Haan
 Madissyn Horack
 Lucy Howat
 Amanda Lack
 Linh Le
 Megan Mink
 Victoria Nemchek
 Clare O'Donnell
 Delaney Olinger
 Kathleen O'Shea
 Zachary Silver
 Summer Stitt
 Linnea Swanson
 Niyant Vora
 Yuanming Wang
 Hyeon Bin Yoon
 Benjamin Zentner

SIGMA TAU DELTA

*International honor society for
students of English*

Chris Abruzzo
 Laura Bullock
 Megan Gordon
 Kathryn Halford
 Ross Hettinger
 Paraskevi Kakares
 Abigail Kauerauf
 Eva Kossmann
 Kyra Loew
 Grace McGovern
 Andrew Neeley
 Chaepter Negro
 Alexis Obert
 Sarah Pila
 Amanda Pippin
 Teagan Potter
 Jonathan Recchia
 Savanna Steck

SIGMA THETA TAU

International honor society for nursing

Rebecca Anderson
Rachel Burkman
Amy Clapp
Kelly Connor
Andrew Coop
Victoria Drake
Erin Fisher
Heather Grimmer
Morgan Hussey
Emma Klimala
Alisa Kulhanek
Julia Lennon
Rebecca Macijunas
Breanna Metry
Kathryn Miller
Kaitlyn Petersen
Allison Printz
Larisa Savage
Amanda Small
Marissa Smith
Ashley Sons
Brock Thornton
Kinsey VanDeVelde
Morgan Van Kuiken
Jennifer White



STUDENT SENATE 2018

OFFICERS

President
Bob Ladd
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Geoffroi Castro
Treasurer
Rosie Lagone
Chief of Staff
Kayley Rettberg
Comptroller
Ann Crumbaugh

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University Events
Kayleigh Ruffolo
Inclusion & Awareness
Brandon Taylor

Civic Engagement
Megan Baker

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Argus Editor
Janna Fitzgerald

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Jean Muza

Executive Director
of TitanTV
Yemaya Jennings
Cady Williamson

*Ashley Wilson Award for
Argus Staffer of the Year*
John Barrett

CHAIRPERSONS, SPECIAL CAMPUS EVENTS

Campus Activities Board
Director
Kayleigh Ruffolo

SENATOR OF THE YEAR

Fall 2017
Geoffroi Castro



MEN'S VARSITY ATHLETICS

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Baseball 2017
Patrick Mollo
Basketball
Brady Rose
Cross Country
Tanner Kuenneth
Football
Defense:
Jordan Hassan
Offense:
Brandon Bauer
Golf 2017
Conner O'Neil
Lacrosse 2017
Michael Julius
Soccer
Douglas Ballard
Swimming
Will Garcia

Tennis
Kurt Meyer

Track 2017
Eric Rydell

TEAM CAPTAINS

Baseball
Jarrod Juskiewicz
Patrick Mollo
Basketball
Colin Bonnett
Brady Rose
Cross Country
Ronan Dorsey
Tanner Kuenneth
Sam Powers
Football
Andrew Apel
Jordan Hassan
Justin Krzeczowski
Jack Warner
Golf
Conner O'Neil

Lacrosse
James Maibuecher
Nick Winter

Soccer
Collen Frost
Ryan Kaplan
Thomas Nie

Swimming
Morgan Bishop
Robert Houle
Jordan Miller

Tennis
Jimmy Kase
Kurt Meyer

Track
Tristan Fox
Tanner Kuenneth
Sam Powers
Nolan Tweedy



WOMEN'S VARSITY ATHLETICS

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Basketball
Rebekah Ehresman

Cross Country
Victoria Drake

Lacrosse 2017
Defense:
Danielle Engelbreit

Offense:
Grainne Kelly

Soccer
Ellie Crabtree

Softball 2017
Katie Caulfield
Jillian Runyon

Swimming
Victoria Tiberi

Tennis
Lauren Neitzel

Track 2017
Madison Zimmer

Volleyball
Kyleigh Block
Tyler Brown

TEAM CAPTAINS

Basketball
Rebekah Ehresman
Molly McGraw
Kelsey Walsberg

Cross Country
Victoria Drake
Alyssa Pridemore

Golf
Emma Klimala
Jordan Koehler
Olivia Ruff

Lacrosse
Grainne Kelly
Claire Quist

Soccer
Cassie Leishman
Rachel Westerkamp

Swimming
Victoria Tiberi

Track
Amelia Glueck
Karly Goodman
Alyssa Pridemore
Shante Williams

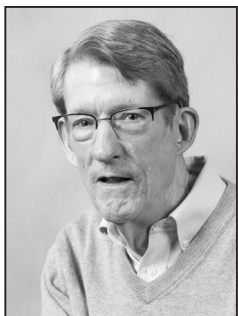
Volleyball
Kyleigh Block
Tyler Brown

Faculty Retirements



Mary Ann Bushman, *Department of English*

Mary Ann Bushman has taught at Illinois Wesleyan since 1980. She earned a B.A. in English Education from University of Illinois and a Ph.D. in English from University of California–Berkeley. Her scholarly and teaching interests converged on Shakespeare, early modern drama and poetry, and feminist theory. She served as director of the Writing Center, a first year honors' program, the university Writing Program, and department chair, as well as on innumerable committees over the years. In retirement, she plans to devote her attention to theatre, travel, her garden, and the elegant game of golf.



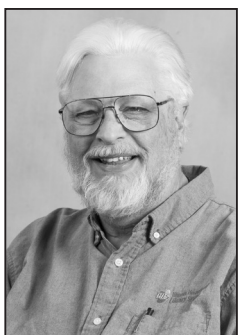
Robert Leekley, *Department of Economics*

Robert Leekley arrived at Illinois Wesleyan in 1974 after receiving his BA from Carleton College and his Ph.D. in Economics from Michigan State. He retires this summer after 44 years of service.

Professor Leekley's academic career includes teaching, research, and service. His research and professional work consists of publications in academic journals, participation in professional conferences, and publication of a statistics textbook, *Applied Statistics for Business and Economics*.

His service to the University includes more than seven years as Department Chair and participation on several major University committees. But the most rewarding aspect of Professor Leekley's career has been interacting with students. He has taught many courses at Illinois Wesleyan, including Statistics for Business and Economics, Intermediate Microeconomics and Applied Econometrics. Several of these classes have research components, and Professor Leekley devoted a great deal of time mentoring students one-on-one and promoting student research. Indeed, he pioneered the use of computers in the classroom. In the early years this meant writing his own statistical package in BASIC; in later years, he was one of the first to introduce his students to applied research, using spreadsheets as a pedagogical tool, and emphasizing practical applications.

Students have responded. Professor Leekley has chaired 29 successful research honors projects on a wide variety of topics. And he is the faculty advisor for a unique student-edited journal, *The Park Place Economist*.



James Matthews, *Department of French and Francophone Studies*

Dr. James D. Matthews came to Illinois Wesleyan University in 1986 after spending two years at Ball State University where he taught 26 courses in two academic years. He holds Masters and Doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan where he specialized in seventeenth and eighteenth century French theater.

During his thirty-two years at IWU, Dr. Matthews has chaired three different iterations of language departments, served on or chaired almost every university committee, and won three teaching awards.

From 1998-2005, Dr. Matthews served as Dean of Students. Under his direction, a new orientation program, Counseling Services, a new Student Center, a new alcohol policy, and closer integration of fraternities and sororities into student life were all implemented. Dr. Matthews has often said that he found working with the 10% of the student population most in need to have been the most rewarding segment of his career. He is very thankful for the gifted staff he helped develop during his years as Dean.

In retirement, Dr. Matthews looks forward to finishing books he starts, travel in both the U.S. and Europe, and writing. After several glasses of wine, he will undoubtedly mention that he has ambitions of becoming a storyteller. He will continue to write his weekly newspaper column and hopes someday to publish a Best of...collection of his weekly scribbling.



Sherri McElroy, *School of Art*

Sherri McElroy joined our faculty in 1988. In 2000, she became the first woman in the School of Art to be promoted to Full Professor. In the School of Art, she developed the graphic design curriculum, raising the quality of student work to current professional standards. She integrated computing technology into the design lab while maintaining a focus on problem solving, storytelling and communication.

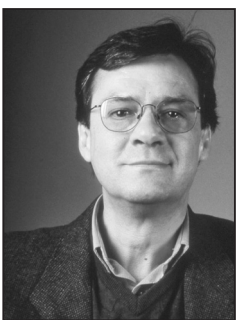
McElroy was a successful recruiter of design students, enrolling the majority of all art majors. Over the years, many non-Art majors also enrolled in her classes. A number of students would continue on to graduate programs in design and architecture.

She acted as curator and juror for numerous design competitions and exhibitions. In addition, she initiated the IWU visiting designer program. She founded the American Center for Design student chapter at IWU. During her tenure, McElroy initiated a mentoring network with design alumni assisting students with internships and careers.

She was among the first faculty team to plan the university-wide themed curriculum. For example, her students' work on the Food theme gained national recognition. Using human centered design methodology she directed student projects for the Gates Foundation's *Records for Life* competition for which they designed award winning global pediatric health records. In addition, McElroy and her students worked with the City of Chicago and the Institute of Design to solve systemic urban problems using rapid prototyping.

Among the design community she is known as the "educator who teaches design within a liberal arts setting", creating bridges across disciplines. In her classes students from diverse majors researched, ideated and prototyped solutions for interdisciplinary projects. Professor McElroy has donated pro-bono design work for scores of non-profit organizations, and has art directed students who worked on other pro-bono projects within our community.

She has received accolades for her contributions to design and has been active in professional organizations throughout her career. Her work has been curated into national and international publications and exhibitions for graphic design, typography, digital printmaking, multimedia, and branding. She has been recognized by numerous professional organizations including the International Society for Electronic Arts, American Institute of Graphic Arts, and Leadership America.



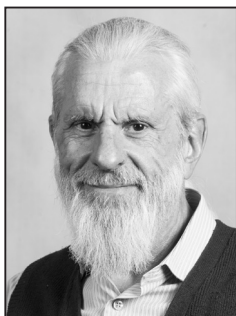
Mauricio Parra, *Department of Hispanic Studies*

Mauricio Parra arrived at IWU in 1990 and has been delivering outstanding courses in Latin American literature and culture since his arrival. He has also travelled to Spain, Argentina, and Cuba in semester long and May Term programs. In 2002 Mauricio, together with his mentor Luis Leal, published the book *Mitos y Leyendas de México / Myths and Legends of Mexico*. All funds generated from the sales of the book have gone to establish the Luis Leal Scholarship Fund: since 2015, one or two students who study in a Spanish-speaking country have benefitted from this scholarship. To recognize Mauricio's commitment and dedication over these years, this spring the Department of Hispanic Studies established the Mauricio Parra Featured Author series in which programming at the Global Library in Buck Hall will revolve around a select author.



Kevin Strandberg, School of Art

Kevin Strandberg holds an M.F.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a B.F.A. From the University of Minnesota. Strandberg has a rather unique background with degrees and professional achievements in photography and sculpture. His work has been exhibited most recently in national juried shows such as: New Blood at Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky; Florida National, FSU, Tallahassee, Florida; and the 27th Annual National Drawing and Small Sculpture Exhibition, Corpus Christi, Texas. His work is included in the Kemper Corporate Art Collection. Kevin restores antique Italian motorcycles and occasionally can be seen riding them. He retires after 38 years of service.



Dan Terkla, Department of English

Dan Terkla, professor of English, medievalist, Beat-generation aficionado, and map scholar, joined the IWU faculty in 1995. His publications include two co-edited volumes on the Bayeux Tapestry; articles on topics as disparate as twelfth-century drama, the Tapestry, medieval cartography, Dante's *Commedia*, Byron's poetry, and Quentin Tarantino's *Pulp Fiction* and Arthurian romance. A *Companion to English Mappaemundi of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Centuries* will be out in the fall. He has co-edited *Peregrinations: Journal of Medieval Art and Architecture* since 2012 and is on the editorial board of Brill Publishers in the Netherlands. Prof. Terkla has been the invited speaker for the Cambridge Seminar in the History of Cartography at King's College, Cambridge; for The Oxford Seminars in Cartography at Oxford University; the Maps &

Society Lecture Series at the Warburg Institute, University of London; and at the British Museum. Since 2011, he has co-organized annual sessions at the International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds, and since 2015 at the International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University. He presents at these gatherings on alternate years.

Prof. Terkla was awarded the 2010 Kemp Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence. His other honors include being named a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society in London and, under the auspices of the British Academy and the Newberry Library, a J.B. Harley Fellow in the History of Cartography. He has benefited from two NEH Summer Seminar fellowships, one on Dante, and another on the Bayeux Tapestry. A native of Long Beach, California, Dan earned his BA in Liberal Studies and Comparative Literature and a Life Teaching Credential from California State University Long Beach (CSULB). Following that, he attended Balliol College, Oxford University, as a visiting scholar and wrote his master's thesis there; he earned the MA in Medieval Studies/Comparative Literature from CSULB and a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from the University of Southern California. Most importantly, he likes to ride bicycles.



Professor Marcia Thomas

Professor Marcia Thomas has been a member of The Ames Library faculty for 20 years. During her tenure here, she has served as Director of Technical Services and most recently as Director of Library Collections. Marcia has brought her extraordinary organizational skills and strong knowledge of publishing to our IWU community, resulting in a coherent and forward-looking collections policy that will meet the needs of our students, faculty and staff for years to come. Her work as liaison to several departments and programs over the years, including teaching and collections, is highly regarded by her campus colleagues. Marcia attained the rank of Full Professor in 2013. As a good citizen of this campus, she has served in leadership roles in PAT, FDC, CUPP, SPBC, Hearing Committee and several others over her tenure.

Marcia's research into John Wesley Powell is nationally acclaimed. Her annotated bibliography on John Wesley Powell, published by Praeger, won awards from the American Library Association and the Arizona Historical Society. She is a frequent speaker on Powell and continues her work as an esteemed consultant on JWP research projects. In addition, she is the author of numerous articles and chapters in the professional literature on the topic of library collection development and management, and the recipient of numerous external and internal grants in support of her research and professional work.

Prior to joining the IWU faculty, Marcia served as librarian at three public libraries in Indianapolis-Marion, Bloomington (IL), and Eureka. Her professional work also extended to the McLean County Museum of History and as Library Director at the University of Wisconsin at Baraboo-Sauk County. Marcia earned her degree in English from IWU and her Master's in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois. She was inducted into the honorary society of Beta Phi Mu in 1975.

Professor Thomas plans to continue her research and writing on Powell, reportedly between intervals of eating bon-bons and drinking champagne.

PAST HONOREES FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

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1969	Wendell W. Hess, <i>Chemistry</i>	1998	W. Michael Weis, <i>History</i>
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1971	Doris C. Meyers, <i>Philosophy</i>	2000	Teodora O. Amoloza, <i>Sociology</i>
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1981	Jerry M. Israel, <i>History</i>	2010	Wes Chapman, <i>English</i>
1982	John D. Heyl, <i>History</i>	2011	Dan Terkla, <i>English</i>
1983	J. Robert Hippensteele, <i>Biology</i>	2012	William Munro, <i>Political Science</i>
1984	Larry M. Colter, <i>Philosophy</i>	2013	Narendra Jaggi, <i>Physics</i>
1985	Sue Ann Huseman, <i>French</i>	2014	Rebecca Roesner, <i>Chemistry</i>
1986	Bruce B. Criley, <i>Biology</i>	2015	Kathleen Montgomery, <i>Political Science</i>
1987	Michael B. Young, <i>History</i>	2016	Linda French, <i>Physics</i>
1988	Emily Dunn Dale, <i>Sociology</i>	2017	Rebecca Gearhart Mafazy, <i>Anthropology</i>